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REALISTIC.

The Dome of Robinson's Opera House, Cincinnati, Falls

During the Performance of the Comedy, "Dangers of a Great City."

Two Persons Instantly Killed and Many Wounded, Since Fatally, in a Panic That Followed—The Play Billed for Next Week Was "Under the Dome."

CINCINNATI, Oct. 16.—At the beginning of the first act of "Dangers of a Great City" at Robinson's opera house, Friday evening, there was a sharp crack in the ceiling of the theater, and a piece of plastering a foot long and three inches wide fell into the orchestra from the east side. Many of the audience started to their feet, but there was no further intimation of trouble.

At the end of the second act the stage hands were setting the scenes, and little Alice Opie, child specialist, was in front of the curtain doing her act as "Yellow Kid." Suddenly and without further warning, the huge dome of the theater fell with a deaf crash onto the chairs, a distance of a hundred feet.

A panic ensued. Women screamed, men groaned and the most frightful scenes were enacted. The little child actress ran behind the curtain, and all lights were extinguished by the breaking of the main electric wire. In five minutes ten patrol wagons and as many fire engines and ladder companies were surrounding the opera house, and a howling mob was rushing about interfering with the work of rescue.

Capt. Conway and his salvage corps, who were first on the scene, seized half a dozen bodies, and not stopping to see whether they were dead or alive, galloped off with them to the hospital.

As fast as the patrol wagons arrived they were filled with limp bodies and rushed to the hospital.

While the excitement was at its height another crash came. It was the entire ceiling tearing away from the rafters and tumbling down upon the mass of struggling humanity below. It sounded like a whirlwind and the noise was heard for a square around. Hundreds rushed to the front of the building on the outside, but were met by the streams of people rushing from the inside and driven back across the street. Many were crushed under foot.

A man named Goldberg, living at 622 Barr street, was carried into the drug store of Al Boehmer at Eleventh street and Central avenue. He had a fractured skull and was taken to the city hospital; will die.

Mrs. George Kleeman died at the hospital at 10 p. m. She was the daughter-

in-law of Nick Kleeman. Pearl Hall, of 817 Sycamore street, daughter of carriage-maker on East Ninth street, was badly hurt and taken to the hospital.

Henry Elock, 602 Broadway, in balcony, and two children have not been heard from. They are not at the hospital.

A daughter of George Otte, of the water works department, is at the hospital, seriously injured. Samuel Rosenbaum, agent 16, of the Working Boys' home, on Sycamore street, was in the gallery. He is at the hospital in a dangerous condition.

The following are in the hospital more or less seriously injured: Della Algeier and her three children; Mrs. J. and Daisy Fairhead, S. E. Long, Mary Seudder, of Newport, Ky.; Grace Conners, C. J. Weiss, Will Morton, aged 17, Sixth and Broadway, jumped into a pit. Fred Jenks, aged 26, 1216 Richmond street; T. C. Wiley, Dayton, Ky.; W. J. McCabe, Clint Deal, Jacob Weil, Mary Hess, John White, Amelia Weil, Mary Howe, Mary Moorman, Twelfth and Clay streets.

The dead are: Isaac Neighbors, a laborer, and Mrs. Geo. Kleeman.

The show being played was "Dangers of a Great City." The show underlined for next week was "Under the Dome."

The cause of the accident Friday night seems to be easily discovered. Among the first who entered the building after the dome had fallen was President George W. Rapp, of the Cincinnati Chapter American Institute of architects.

"It was not that dome," said he, pointing to the huge heap in the center of the floor, "that caused the trouble. The fault lies with the roof trusses. The house has been built more than 25 years, and the wood has shrunk until the bolts and nails afforded the smallest possible security. One of these trusses had rotted away from its fastenings; it has parted and thrown the two sections down, and they in their descent pulled the dome with them. These wood trusses are of pine and they shrink very perceptibly in the course of years. They should be examined every five or six years. Modern structures are put up with steel trusses. The roof of this theater is liable to come down any minute."

Friday night's disaster recalls forcibly a more fearful one which took place in the same building in February, 1876. Friday night there was a real cause for the panic and loss of life; then there was no cause whatever except the wickedly foolish cry of fire started when a little sputtering light came from the calcium light in the upper gallery. The house was packed mostly with women and children to witness an allegory of America given by hundreds of school children. With the single cry of fire in such an assembly the mischief was done. Plunging into the aisles and



THROUGH IT HE LOSES THE MINERS' VOTE.

climbing down the stairways and toward the wide doorway leading to the street, the inevitable blockade of fallen human bodies occurred and the wild and savage struggle for escape by those behind completed the dreadful mischief. Only when all outward progress was absolutely blocked and time was given to the living to use their senses to discover that there was no fire and no cause for alarm did the insane panic cease. Then followed the sickening rescue of the score or more of the dead and the many others who were injured. Friday night's catastrophe, however, had a real cause for panic and if the conditions had been the same as those of the 1876 horror, the result would have been fearful beyond calculation.

Among the first places to be visited by the rescuers was the gallery. It was deserted, except by one person, an unknown man, who was identified Saturday as Isaac Neighbors. He was wedged in between some timbers, and when dragged out by the firemen and policemen was still breathing.

On the way to the patrol wagon he died. His neck was broken and his skull was fractured at the base of the brain.

Nearly all of the patients at the city hospital were reported to be improving Saturday morning.

Pearl Hall became delirious about 6 a. m. and her condition is regarded as dangerous. She suffered serious scalp wounds. Her right arm was broken.

She was with a friend who tried to draw her down between the seats and out of harm's way when he saw the dome falling.

Mary Haas, aged 43, of 977 McPherson street, broke both legs. The left leg was broken at the ankle and the right near the hip. She was suffering from the shock.

The friends of A. G. Weiss were called to his side early Saturday morning, as he was unconscious, and seemed to be sinking rapidly from the effects of internal injuries. He rallied later, and was much improved at 8 a. m.

Large Logging Contract.

CHITTEWA FALLS, Wis., Oct. 16.—The largest single logging contract that has ever been let in Wisconsin has been secured by Gore & Stinson, of this place, from the Weyerhaeuser syndicate. It is for 150,000,000 feet lying tributary to the Clam river, and it is estimated that it will take 12 to 15 years to complete the contract. Each season's cut will be paid for when the logs are delivered in the company's boom in the Mississippi. The contractors have already commenced work, 100 men having been sent up three or four days ago to do the cutting. About ten million a year will be cut and if the contractors have good luck they will clear at least \$100,000 on their contract.

Edward Langtry Dead.

LONDON, Oct. 16.—Edward Langtry, the husband of Lily Langtry, the actress, died Friday night in the asylum for the insane at Chester, to which he was recently committed by a magistrate, having been found wandering in a helpless condition in that vicinity. It is supposed that Mr. Langtry was suffering from concussion of the brain, due to falling down the gangway of the steamer on which he traveled from Dublin to Holyhead.

Philippine Island Insurgents Demand. MADRID, Oct. 15.—The government has received information from Manila that the insurgents of the Philippine islands have replied to the overtures of Capt. Gen. Primo de Rivera, who has been trying to induce them to submit, demanding extensive amnesty to begin with and a full pardon eventually.

Miss Cisneros Adopts This Country as Her Home.

NEW YORK, Oct. 16.—Evangeline Cosio y Cisneros has adopted this country as her home. She signed her declaration of intention to become a citizen of the United States Friday afternoon. Under the terms of her oath she has renounced all allegiance to Spain.

Quarantining Against Montenegro. MONTEBENE, Ala., Oct. 16.—Owing to rumors of suspicious cases of fever in Montenegro several of the surrounding towns have quarantined against her.

DEMURRERS

Filed to Suit for Damages for Urban Lynching by County Commissioners.

URBANA, O., Oct. 16.—Ben Church, half-brother of the late "Click" Mitchell, lynched in the Urbana courthouse yard last June, recently brought suit against Champaign county for \$5,000 damages under the Smith law, giving the heirs damages for lynching. Saturday the county commissioners filed a demurrer of four points: First, that the petition does not state or contain facts sufficient to constitute a cause for action in favor of the plaintiff; second, that the statute under which the plaintiff brought suit is repugnant to and in violation of the constitution of the state of Ohio, and is, therefore, unconstitutional; third, that said statute is in violation of the Constitution of the United States; fourth, because the court has no jurisdiction.

SEVERAL MEN

Arrested Charged With Being Members of a Gang of Robbers—Valuable Puffer Recovered.

BRIDGEPORT, O., Oct. 16.—At Martin's Ferry Friday the police arrested Pat Westley and Charles McIndler, Sanford Baker, Tom Wilson and Will Gardner, alleged members of a large gang of thieves who have been operating in this county, Marion and Wetzel counties, West Virginia, and Green county, Pa., at the various homes of the parties. Several hundred dollars' worth of valuable property, which has been recognized by merchants, was secured. Half a dozen supposed members of the gang are under arrest at Burton, W. Va., and important evidence has been secured from one of them. All the men refuse to go out of the state without requisition papers.

New Ohio Postmasters.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 16.—The following fourth-class postmasters were commissioned in Ohio Friday: Chaffee, Cuyahoga county, Robert Singleton, vice Mrs. Eliza Brown, removed; Fitchville, Huron county, Delbert Barnes, vice C. B. Cass, removed; Hubbard, Trumbull county, William M. Evans, vice James Flynn, removed; Lunda, Union county, John S. Robb, vice E. L. Langstaff, resigned; Orishon, Hocking county, J. A. Donnelly, vice H. H. Dean, removed; Rosewood, Champaign county, J. M. Buraker, vice J. M. Birkhold, removed; Thackery, Champaign county, George Pettley, vice E. E. Offembacher, removed.

Mysterious Death of a Girl.

MARION, O., Oct. 16.—Stella Dirst, aged about 17, died at her home Friday at Waldo, under mysterious circumstances. Last Sunday, it is reported, she took a dose of strychnine with suicidal intent. Two doctors were summoned, but in spite of their efforts she died. One of them said she was poisoned, the other that she died from natural causes.

Fell Into the Grate.

WAVELEY, O., Oct. 16.—Friday noon, while an invalid maiden lady of the name of Dally, who lived with John Conly's family, near Picketon, was sitting in front of a wood fire, she suddenly pitched forward, and before assistance reached her was burned so badly that she lived but two hours after the accident.

Shooting Contest at Aberdeen.

ABERDEEN, O., Oct. 16.—The shooting contest between Quince Early, of Aberdeen, and M. A. Shreckler, of Vanceburg, O., for the championship of Adams, Brown and Highland counties and \$50 resulted in a victory for Shreckler. Early has held the championship of the three counties for six years.

Pardon for Dryden.

COLUMBUS, O., Oct. 16.—Before the adjournment of the session of the board of pardons Friday evening the body recommended for pardon Clifford S. Dryden, serving three years from Butler county for embezzlement.

A New Mill Building.

MARTIN'S FERRY, O., Oct. 16.—Work was commenced on the foundation for the second trestle works to be erected at Martin's Ferry by the Laughlin Nail Co. This will be one of the largest trestles in the United States.

THE CANADIANS

Preparing for a Conference of Seal Experts,

Notwithstanding Their Success in Protesting Against Great Britain

Entering Into Negotiations With Russia and Japan—A Mass of Evidence on the Subject of Seal Life Prepared by Commissioner MacCun.

BUFFALO, N. Y., Oct. 16.—A special dispatch to the Express from Ottawa says:

The Canadian authorities have for some time been preparing for the eventuality of a conference of seal experts at Washington, notwithstanding the success of their protest to Great Britain entering into negotiations with Russia and Japan as parties thereto. Commissioner MacCun who, with Prof. Thompson, the British expert, spent the last two seasons on the Pribyloff islands, is preparing a mass of evidence on the subject of seal life. It is said here with confidence that the Canadian contention is easily supportable by this evidence. There is claimed to have been abundant proof collected on both the rookeries of St. Paul and St. George that pelagic sealers are not dependent for their August catch upon the nursing females which venture beyond the 60 mile zone in search of food for their young, and still more important, if true, is the report that the experts have ascertained other causes than starvation to account for the heavy mortality among the seal pups on the islands.

It is not generally known that there were reasons other than those advanced in the diplomatic note of the general office for Great Britain's refusal to entertain the proposal of a conference including Russia and Japan. But the fact is that having only omitted the principle of an interest in the question by those nations, Canada could not back out of a general review of the entire methods of pelagic sealing, apart from the necessary revision under the Paris award, the fact being that the branding scheme has quite deposed the theory that the Behring sea and Asiatic seal herds are distinct, seals branded on the Pribyloff islands having been taken at sea off the Asiatic coast.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 16.—The state department confirms the report given out by the foreign office in London that Great Britain assents to a meeting of experts in Washington on the seal question, and Mr. Hay cables that Prof. Thompson, the British expert, was to sail Saturday.

It is expected that the conference of the delegates of Russia, Japan and the United States will hold its first meeting the last of next week, and the meeting of American and British experts will probably take place a week later.

REPORTED DEFEATS

Of Gen. Morales and Fuenfies Sold to Have No Foundation in Fact.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 16.—News has been received in this city that the reported defeats of Gen. Morales and Fuenfies have no foundation in fact, and that so far from having been driven into Mexico, they are still in the province of San Marcos, with their army of 17,000 men. Tapachula, the point to which the government dispatches said the revolutionary forces had been driven, is just across the border. The reason for the present apparent inactivity of Morales and Fuenfies is said to be a part of the plan arranged by them with Leon Del Castillo. The latter is now close to Guatemala and expects to enter the capital city within the next six days. As soon as the right moment arrives to strike the blow, the plan of the revolutionists is to act in concert and engage the divided forces of Barrios simultaneously.

Reports have also reached this city of extreme measures taken by Barrios to enforce disapproval of his continuance in office. He demanded that all the mayors of municipalities and office holders indorse in writing his election as dictator. This the mayor of Guetzaltenango refused to do and paid the forfeit of his refusal with his life.

Both Dead.

MACON, Ga., Oct. 16.—Constable William Limba, son of a justice of the peace of Powersville, in Houston county, and Barker Amos, colored, fought a desperate duel Friday afternoon at the home of Amos, about two miles from Powersville. As a result both men are dead. Limba was shot through the heart with a load of buckshot and Amos was killed by a bullet from his victim's pistol. Young Limba was only 27 years of age and was very popular in the district in which he lived. There is much excitement.

The Execution of Dolezal.

LONDON, Oct. 16.—The Vienna correspondent of the Daily Mail describing the execution there of Dolezal, the murderer of two old women, says: "It was a horrifying spectacle. The murderer displayed the most pitiable nervous agony. Instead of being dropped, as is customary in England, he was hoisted by the neck several feet and then drawn down by cords attached to his arms and legs. The struggle of the miserable wretch lasted three minutes."

Awarded Damages.

WEST UNION, O., Oct. 16.—Dr. J. S. Berry, of Peebles, was awarded \$500 damages against the Cincinnati, Portsmouth & Virginia railroad for being refused passage on a freight train. He sued for \$1,000 damages.

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C. & M. R. Y.
Depart—6:30 a. m. and 2:50 p. m. Arrive—10:40 a. m.; 7:10 p. m.
Z. & O. R. Y.
Depart—6:20 a. m.; 2:40 p. m. Arrive—10:40 a. m.; 5:55 p. m.
T. & O. C. E. R. R.
Depart—2:00 p. m.; 3:30 a. m. and 4:00 a. m. Arrive—8:30 and 12:15 p. m.; 9:00 a. m.

CONDENSED NEWS

Gathered From All Parts of the Country by Telegraph.

The president Friday appointed T. D. Shepherd, postmaster at Norwalk, O. Friday's statements of the condition of the treasury shows: Available cash balance \$211,330,515; gold reserve, \$150,164,136.

Cardinal Richard, archbishop of Paris, has issued a pastoral announcing the institution at Saint Sulpice, in the department of Tarn, of a brotherhood for the conversion of England.

Attorney General Crow Friday instituted proceedings against 71 foreign insurance companies doing business in St. Joseph, Mo., to revoke their charters because of alleged violation of the state and trust law.

Gen. Azarraga, the former premier, in an interview is quoted as reiterating that the Sagasta ministry will receive the support of the majorities of the chambers, owing to the exceptional situation in which it is placed.

The kite record made at Blue Hill Observatory, Mass., on September 19 has been beaten by over 1,500 feet by three kites on four miles of wire carrying a meteorological instrument to the height of 11,500 feet above the sea level.

In a report made to the Oakland (Cal.) board of trade, A. D. Pryall, an expert, reports that the Texas bot fly has made its appearance in Costa Rica county, and that it is proving quite dangerous. Efforts will be made to eradicate the pest.

The police of Guines, Havana province, have arrested and imprisoned Senorita Blanca Ortega, a young woman of distinguished family, and Senorita Virginia Castellanos. They are both charged with conspiring against the government.

The subscriptions to the loan of the government of the dominion of Canada, invited by the Bank of Montreal, amounting to \$2,000,000 in two and a half per cent. inscribed stock at not less than 91, have been closed and totaled up \$4,265,460 at an average of \$91.108, 5d.

The schooner W. S. Phelps, which sailed from San Francisco on Wednesday afternoon last with 40 prospectors and a cargo of supplies for Copper River, Alaska, sprung a leak about 80 miles southwest of the Farallones Thursday and was compelled to put back, arriving at San Francisco Friday.

The Protestant Episcopal Church of America will be known in the future simply as "The Church," if the movement formally inaugurated in the meeting of the Milwaukee Diocesan council Friday is taken up by the dioceses generally throughout the country, as the clergymen and laymen firmly believe it will.

The London Daily Graphic says that it hears that the recent reported illness of Hon. Cecil Rhodes, former premier of Cape Colony at Lyngaa, was due to shock from injuries received at the hands of hostile natives beyond Salisbury. It appears that Mr. Rhodes lost his way and had a narrow escape from death.

At Leavenworth, Kan., James W. Oliver, the old army veteran, convicted Thursday of attempted murder in connection with the dynamite outrage at the house of Gov. Smith, of the National Soldiers' home there, was Friday sentenced by Federal Judge Foster to six years imprisonment in the government penitentiary.

Maud G. Badgley, a clerk in the general land office, Washington, committed suicide Friday by jumping from Cabin John bridge, about six miles west of Washington. The drop to the ravine below the bridge is about 125 feet, and the girl was instantly killed. The motive for the suicide her friends say, was despondency due to her physical condition.

Nash May Succeed Justice Field. COLUMBUS, O., Oct. 16.—It is reported on good authority here that Judge George K. Nash, of this city, is likely to receive a high appointment in the department of justice as the result of the resignation of Justice Field. It is not improbable that he will be appointed to the vacancy on the supreme bench.

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